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Ms. Sheila Desai  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region V  
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Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - July 2013  
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7  
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site  
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 81 for the period of July 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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**Progress Report No. 81  
July 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study  
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property  
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

**1. Work Performed**

- Removal of investigation-derived waste generated during the MW-16 and Additional RI Activities investigation.
- Collection of static groundwater levels and staff gauge measurements from monitoring wells and staff gauges on July 31, 2013.
- Conference call with U.S. EPA on July 31, 2013 regarding U.S. EPA's June 18, 2013 comments on the *Multi-Area Quality Assurance Project Plan for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill Site (Operable Unit No. 4) and Plainwell Mill Site (Operable Unit No. 7) of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, Allegan, Michigan, Revision 03, Addendum 06 (QAPP)*, which was submitted to U.S. EPA on May 16, 2013.

**2. Data Received**

- None.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules  
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- None.

**4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution**

- None.

**5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period**

- Development of response to U.S. EPA's June 18, 2013 comments on the QAPP.

**6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period**

- None.

## 7. Other Relevant Information

- None.